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Holly Springs Nov 14

My Very Dear Son It is now two months
since we recd a letter from you but
we are assured that there are letters
somewhere en route for us, and truly
hope all is well with you.

We heard that Genl Posey had
been wounded, but hope it was
only slightly if at all - We heard
last evening that the Feds attempted
a flank movement on Genl Lee's Army
& were repulsed with considerable
loss - and that a battle was expec-
ted to take place soon in the Army
of Va. Oh when will this cruel war
end & there be no more battles. It
is rumoured here that the President
has convened the Senate - we hope
for some good results -

Our Legislature met on the 2nd Inst
at Columbus. The Members from
this County are J W Watson, Jork
E W Upham, H Falconer, & Rich Bunnell
there 15 Candidates.

The Feds have evacuated the
M & C RRd from Corinth to Collinsville.

They still hold the former & are
fortifying the latter place.
We have had them in this County
very often, some 3 weeks since
Chalmers whipped them pretty bad
ly at Collier also at Wyatt after they
fell back from Wyatt they burned
& destroyed every thing on their
route to Collier - Chalmers forces
are still about Wyatt - we do
not hear of any more Federal raids
Dom is still with Mr Clark their
destination is somewhere on the
N.C. & Jackson RRd. he was here
3 weeks since.

I have had you a Gray Brock
made & hope to find an opportu-
nity of sending it to you shortly
every thing is quiet & glooming
here - we have just learned the
death of Capt. A. Goran he died at
Marion from the loss of his leg
at Chickamauga on last Tuesday
Gen Martin is also dead.

I suppose you knew that Capt

Williams was mortally wounded
at Chickasaw & has since died
we heard from your sister in St Louis
since Mr Cage was in Memphis
& had rented a House & was on his
way to St Louis for his family

We are looking for your sister every
day your Mamma told us of going into
her at Memphis Mrs Rosa Goodloe
is with Mr Clark - her husband was
taken prisoner & sent to Atlanta -
your Mamma will write to you
all the town news &c &c

Mr Clark got a letter from Miss L Dixon
not long since she is not married
They are at Somerfield Ala

The rebels have destroyed the tunnel
in valley very much Lee's Cavalry
defeated them at Inka not long
since & prevented Sherman from
going to Chattanooga
We learn that Gen Bragg
Army are in fine condition and
that Gen Thomas who now commands
Rosecrank's Army has been reorganized

with 40,000 Troops & says that he
will have Lookout Mountain rich by
rich

15th We had dispatches last night
of a heavy engagement at Kelley's
Ford in which we are said to
have lost 300 & 700 prisoners hope
it may not be so bad.

Sam Finley has joined Lee's
Cavalry as is making a
good soldier. Jimmy Greenup
at Home badly wounded
in arm & has suffered much
but is now getting on pretty
well - Charley Smith badly wound
ed in leg & arm. Marshall is

I believe I have given you
all the news & now wishing
all blessings both Temporal &
Eternal & a speedy termination of
this infernal & cruel war.
your affectionate father
J. H. Nelson